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1. [redacted] approximately fifty thousand persons attended a parade and meeting at the racecourse in Tsingtao. James V. Lelchitsky made a speech in Russian, which was translated into Chinese and was largely on the subject of Soviet friendship for the Chinese people and unity with them in the common Communist cause. The Tsingtao Chinese press published a photostat of the last page of the holograph of Lelchitsky's speech, on which appeared the signatures of five Soviets: Lelchitsky, A. N. Barashev, V. Kryazhensky, Alexei G. Yuriev and Mrs. M. V. Brujina (Briyina), a teacher in the Soviet school, representing the Soviet women. These five, officially representing the Soviet community, attended and made speeches at almost all the Tsingtao celebrations.
2. [redacted] word was passed among the Soviets that all 50X1-HUM were invited to a reception tea at the Ying Ring Yuan (municipal hall) that same evening, to meet their Chinese comrades. About forty of the wealthier Soviets attended this function and were introduced by Yuriev, the only Soviet in the reception line. All the Chinese wore gray uniforms. There was dancing, and speeches were made by both Chinese and Soviet 50X1-HUM
3. The Soviet representatives attended the official opening of the Tsingtao Sino-Soviet Friendship Association [redacted] This organization 50X1-HUM occupies the building which was formerly the Tsingtao International Club. The International Club had been forced to vacate the building [redacted] on account of the exorbitant rent demanded by the Chinese Communists (CCP), [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] the Tsingtao Soviet Citizens' Association held a meeting which was attended by several CCP officials. Lelchitsky made a violently anti-American speech, denouncing the United States and her imperialistic activities. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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5. [ ] 1949, Lelchitsky made a speech at the showing of a Soviet film at the Star Cinema. 50X1-HUM

6. The Foreign Affairs Bureau of the CCP Military Control Commission in Tsingtao gave a dinner entertainment [ ] for the five Soviet representatives and other guests. The Mayor of Tsingtao and members of the bureau of foreign affairs were present. Press reports of this event included the following items: Lelchitsky toasted Mao Tse-tung and Stalin with the words, "Our two races will always join hands in preserving world peace." Parashev made a speech. When the radio reported the Soviet recognition of the Chinese Communists, Yuriev was moved to tears and repeatedly embraced the CCP leaders. Yuriev also spoke, saying, "There is no question that the union of two million people of the USSR with five million people in China will knock down imperialism."\*\* 50X1-HUM

\* [ ] Comment. Lelchitsky is a member of the general committee of the Tsingtao International Club and, during the negotiations with the CCP authorities, was observed to oppose every plan for continued use of the building. He took the stand that the International Club should pay the rent demanded and move out.

\*\* [ ] Comment. These figures almost certainly are supposed to refer to the total populations of the two countries, and should be two hundred million and five hundred million, respectively. 50X1-HUM

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